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Chairperson: Mrs. BADRAN

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The meeting was called to order at 4.40 p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS FIFTH SESSION AND BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS ACTIVITIES (agenda item 13) (CRC/C/24 and A/49/41)

1. The CHAIRPERSON announced that the Rapporteur, Mrs. Santos País, would submit for adoption the Committee's draft concluding observations on the reports of States parties considered at the current session (CRC/C/15/Add.13 to 17), the Committee's draft report on its fifth session (CRC/C/24) and, finally, the Committee's biennial report to the General Assembly (to be issued as document A/49/41).

2. Mrs. SANTOS PAÍS (Rapporteur) introduced documents CRC/C/15/Add.13 to 17, containing the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial reports of Mexico (CRC/C/3/Add.11), Namibia (CRC/C/3/Add.12), Romania (CRC/C/3/Add.16) and Belarus (CRC/C/3/Add.14), as well as the draft preliminary observations on the initial report of Colombia (CRC/C/8/Add.3). She recalled that the Committee had decided to adopt preliminary observations for Colombia, pending the receipt of that country's written replies to the list of issues transmitted by the Committee and additional information on the subjects of particular concern set out in section D of the preliminary observations (CRC/C/15/Add.15).

3. The CHAIRPERSON said that, if she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the concluding observations on the initial reports of Mexico, Namibia, Romania and Belarus and the preliminary observations on the initial report of Colombia.

4. It was so decided.

5. Mrs. SANTOS PAÍS (Rapporteur) said that, before submitting to the Committee the draft report on its fifth session (CRC/C/24), she wished to point out that the Committee's biennial report to the General Assembly, summarizing the Committee's principal activities over a period of two years, would cover both the activities described in the report of the Committee on its fifth session, which was shortly to be adopted, and the activities outlined in the report of the Committee on its fourth session (CRC/C/20). That having been said, she introduced the draft report on the Committee's fifth session, commenting briefly on the four main chapters, namely, conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee, organizational and other matters, reports by States parties under article 44 of the Convention and overview of the other activities of the Committee.

6. Mr. KOLOSOV proposed that chapter IV, section A, part 3, entitled "Action taken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session", should become the chapter heading, in view of the importance of the measures in question. He further proposed that section B of the same chapter, entitled "Cooperation with other competent bodies", should be renamed "Cooperation with Interpol", since that portion of the report dealt exclusively with the Committee's cooperation with that organization.

7. Those proposals were adopted.

8. Mrs. BELEMBAOGO proposed that no mention should be made of those amendments in the action line on the adoption of the report, since they did not affect its substance.

9. It was so decided.

10. The report of the Committee on its fifth session (CRC/C/24) was adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/49/41)

11. Mrs. SANTOS PAÍS introduced the Committee's biennial report, which summarized the Committee's work at its second, third, fourth and fifth sessions. The report consisted of four chapters: conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee; organizational and other matters; reports by States parties under article 44 of the Convention; and overview of the other activities of the Committee. For lack of time, she had been unable to finalize chapter IV, but assured members of the Committee that they would receive the final text as soon as possible, and certainly before the report was submitted to the General Assembly. The chapter contained nothing that had not already been approved by the Committee.

12. Mr. KOLOSOV said it was most unfortunate that the report failed to mention the exchange of correspondence between the Committee and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) relating to the situation of children in that country. He was nevertheless prepared to endorse the report.

13. The Committee's biennial report on its work (to be issued as document A/49/41) was adopted.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

14. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the CHAIRPERSON declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 6.10 p.m.